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FISHERY UPDATE



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PETERSBURG/WRANGELL HERRING UPDATE #14

The department conducted an aerial survey today, May 5, of the Hobart Bay/Port Houghton area between 2:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. The survey conditions were good with partly cloudy skies and light winds.

Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

No schools or active herring spawn were observed during today's aerial survey. However, sea lions were observed along Point Hobart, an area with no observed herring activity so far for this season. The majority of active spawn occurred on May 3 around the entrance to the Sanctuary. To date, 1.25 nm of shoreline received herring spawn. The next survey will occur tomorrow, May 6. The R/V Kestrel will be conducting a spawn deposition survey sometime within the next week. Forecasts of mature spawning biomass for the 2013/2014 season will not be finalized until late this fall.

2013 Survey Herring Summary

Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

April 16	No herring activity, 71 sea lions, 2 whales, 100 scoters.
April 19	No herring activity, 102 sea lions, 550 scoters.
April 22	No herring activity, 81 sea lions, 1,500 scoters.
April 24	No herring activity, 31 sea lions.
April 27	No herring activity, 30 sea lions, 1,600 scoters.
April 30	No herring activity, 45 sea lions, 1,100 scoters.
May 2	¼ mile of active spawn, 85 sea lions, 1,550 scoters.
May 3	1.0 mile of active spawn, 117 sea lions, 2,250 scoters.
May 4	No herring activity, 27 sea lions, 5,500 scoters.
May 5	No herring activity, 32 sea lions, 5,500 scoters.

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